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## The Ongoing Administration-Wide Response to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

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### **In the Past 24 Hours: =**

- The President has dispatched the secretaries of Commerce, Interior and Homeland Security, as well as the NOAA Administrator, to return to the Gulf Coast this week. Specific details on their travel will come from their departments and agencies, but collectively they will be inspecting the ongoing, coordinated response efforts to mitigate the impact of the spill on public health, the environment and the economy. They will meet with business owners to discuss potential economic impacts of this spill across the Gulf Coast region.
- Secretary Salazar, Secretary Napolitano, EPA Administrator Jackson and other members of the Obama administration today met with BP CEO Tony Hayward and BP America Chairman and President Lamar McKay at the Department of the Interior to discuss ongoing, coordinated response efforts and receive an update on BP's mitigation plans for potentially impacted Gulf Coast states. This is the most recent in a series of meetings that have taken place between administration leadership and BP leadership.
- Response crews continue to test a new technique to break up the oil before it reaches the surface—a remotely operated underwater vehicle dispensing sub-surface dispersant at a rate of nine gallons per minute—with encouraging results so far. Nearly 3,000 gallons of subsea dispersants were applied, and BP and NOAA continue to evaluate these tests to determine the feasibility of continued use of subsea dispersants.
- More than 2,000 volunteers have been trained to assist in the response effort to date. Volunteer recruitment efforts include outreach to local fishermen with boats, which can be used as vessels of opportunity to assist contractors in deploying boom.
- Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Dr. David Michaels visited Louisiana with a team of experienced hazardous materials professionals leading an effort to ensure that oil spill cleanup workers receive necessary protections from the hazards of this work. OSHA is consulting with BP, as well as federal agency partners, to ensure that workers receive appropriate training and protective equipment.
- Nine staging areas are now set up to protect vital shoreline in all potentially affected Gulf Coast states (Biloxi, Miss., Pensacola, Fla., Pascagoula, Miss., Dauphin Island, Ala., Port Sulphur, La., Shell Beach, La., Slidell, La., Port Fourchon, La., Venice, La.).
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### By the Numbers to Date:

- Personnel were quickly deployed and approximately 3,000 are currently responding to protect the shoreline and wildlife.
- Nearly 200 vessels are responding on site, including skimmers, tugs, barges, and recovery vessels to assist in containment and cleanup efforts—in addition to dozens of aircraft, remotely operated vehicles, and multiple mobile offshore drilling units.
- Hundreds of thousands of feet of boom (barrier) have been deployed to contain the spill—nearly 700,000 feet are available.
- More than 1 million gallons of an oil-water mix have been recovered.
- More than 156,000 gallons of dispersant have been deployed. An additional 230,000 gallons are available.
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### Response Actions:

- The response to the BP Oil Spill began as an emergency search and rescue mission conducted and supported by the U.S. Coast Guard, the Navy and other partners on April 20. 126 people were on the rig when the incident occurred. 11 remain unaccounted for; 17 were injured, 3 of them critically.
- The President immediately began actively monitoring the incident, and held a meeting in the Oval Office on April 22 with senior officials to discuss the situation and ongoing response. The President has been in contact with all the governors of the states that may be affected and ordered that the administration use every single available resource at our disposal.
- Concurrently, command center operations were stood up immediately in the Gulf Coast to begin also addressing the environmental impact of the incident and coordinate with all state and local governments.
- The morning after the explosion, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar deployed Deputy Secretary David J. Hayes down to the gulf to assist with coordination and response to the incident.
- When the drill unit sank, the Administration immediately and intensely investigated by remotely operated vehicles the entire 5,000 feet of pipe that's on the floor of the ocean. In that process three leaks were identified, the most recent coming on the evening of April 28.
- The Administration immediately began holding regular calls with BP leadership and numerous senior-level meetings have been held between the administration and BP to discuss BP's response effort and federal oversight and support.
- The National Response Team (NRT), an organization of 16 federal departments and agencies responsible for coordinating emergency preparedness and response to oil and hazardous substance pollution incidents was quickly activated and a coordinated group of federal partners—including the United States Coast Guard, Departments of Homeland Security, Commerce, Interior and the Environmental Protection Agency—immediately began directing and overseeing BP's response.
- The President dispatched Secretary Napolitano, Secretary Salazar, EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, Assistant to the President for Energy and

Climate Change Policy Carol Browner and NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco to the Gulf Coast to ensure all is being done to respond to this oil spill.

- EPA posted on its [dedicated response website](#) the first air monitoring data it has collected in the area—with no red flags at this time.
- President Obama visited the Gulf Coast to inspect response operations

coastline of the Gulf states. He was accompanied by Assistant to the President for Homeland Security John Brennan and Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change Policy Carol Browner.

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- Secretaries Janet Napolitano and Ken Salazar spoke by conference call to Governors Haley Barbour (MS), Bob Riley (AL), Rick Perry (TX), Charlie Crist (FL) and the Deputy Chief of Staff to Gov. Bobby Jindal (LA). Gov. Jindal was with President Obama. They briefed the Governors on the ongoing response to the BP oil spill in the gulf. They spoke specifically about efforts to stop the oil leaks and mitigating the oil's impact on the shorelines of their states. Additionally, they spoke about ways to enhance what has been strong cooperation between the federal government and the states. The Secretaries and Governors agreed to speak again on May 4.
- BP has indicated it will reimburse volunteers at the rate of \$10 per hour. Contractors are also hiring people to support shoreline clean up. Contractor rates go as high as \$18 per hour for supervisors.
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#### Websites and Hotlines:

- For information about the response effort, visit [www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com](http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com).
- To volunteer, call 1-866-448-5816.
- To report oiled wildlife, call 1-866-557-1401. Messages will be checked hourly.
- To report spill related damage, please call 1-800-440-0858.
- For information about validated environmental air and water sampling results, visit [www.epa.gov/bpspill](http://www.epa.gov/bpspill).
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#### Coordinated Interagency Asset Deployment and Response:

- The Department of Defense is fully integrated into the DHS-led team and fully supportive of all response activities. The Coast Guard and Department of Defense continue to work closely together, anticipating requirements, identifying response options, and rapidly providing response support.
- The Minerals Management Service remains in contact with all oil and gas operators in the sheen area. Two platforms have stopped production and one has been evacuated as a safety measure. Approximately 6.2 million cubic feet of natural gas is shut-in—less than one-tenth of a percent of daily gas production in the Gulf of Mexico.
- MMS is continuing inspection of all deepwater rigs and platforms as mandated by Secretary Salazar in the aftermath of the incident. MMS continues to ensure that BP moves forward on all methods to temporarily and permanently secure the source of the spill. Agency experts are working hand-in-hand with their Coast Guard counterparts to determine the original cause of the well flow and subsequent explosion.
- As the nation's leading scientific resource for oil spills, NOAA has been on the scene of the BP spill from the start, providing coordinated scientific weather and biological response services to federal, state and local organizations. NOAA spill specialists are advising the U.S. Coast Guard on cleanup options as well as advising all affected federal, state and local partners on sensitive marine resources at risk in this area of the Gulf of Mexico.
- Two Modular Aerial Spray System (MASS) aircraft have been deployed in support of the incident in the Gulf of Mexico. Both aircraft have multiple missions scheduled daily, contingent on weather. These aircraft can dispense the same dispersant chemical being used by BP and the federal responders. Each system is capable of covering up to 250 acres per flight

*with three flights per aircraft per day.*

- *A C-17 aircraft carrying pollution response boom components for support flew from Travis AFB in California and has arrived at Mobile International Airport.*
- *In direct support of the Coast Guard under an existing pollution clean-up and salvage operations agreement, the Navy is providing a variety of oil pollution control equipment. The Navy has sent thousands of feet of inflatable oil boom with mooring equipment, several skimming systems, related support gear, and personnel to support oil spill response efforts. Naval Air Station Pensacola is serving as a staging facility for Coast Guard contractor-provided equipment.*
- *In response to the BP oil spill, the Secretary of Defense has authorized under Title 32 the mobilization of the Louisiana National Guard to help in the ongoing efforts to assist local communities in the cleanup and removal of oil and to protect critical habitats from contamination. As the responsible party in this incident, the government will hold BP accountable for the costs of the deployment.*

#### **Spill of National Significance & a mp; National Incident Commander:**

- *Secretary Napolitano announced that this incident is a Spill of National Significance (SONS) on April 29. This designation built on the efforts already underway from day one to leverage the full resources from across the federal government and ensure that all resources are brought to bear in response to this event.*
- *A SONS designation recognizes the need for a strategic management framework that ensures full engagement at the highest levels of the administration via the National Incident Commander. There is no additional funding or authority that comes with a SONS designation, as that authority already existed prior to this designation.*
- *As part of the designation of the BP Oil Spill as a Spill of National Significance, Secretary Napolitano announced that U.S. Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Thad Allen will serve as the National Incident Commander on May 1 for the administration's continued, coordinated response—providing additional coordinated oversight in leveraging every available resource to respond to the BP oil spill and minimize the associated environmental risks.*
- *As National Incident Commander, Admiral Allen will continue to work closely with Coast Guard Rear Admiral Mary Landry, the federal on-scene coordinator, and the Departments of Homeland Security, Defense, Interior and Commerce, the Environmental Protection Agency and other federal departments and agencies as appropriate—as well as BP, = the responsible party in the spill—to ensure the efficient continued deployment and coordination of vital response assets, personnel and equipment that were activated immediately after the spill began.*

#### **Joint DHS-DOI Investigation= :**

- *Early on, the President directed responding agencies to not only devote every resource to respond to this incident but to also determine its cause.*
- *Secretary Napolitano and Secretary Salazar signed an order establishing the next steps for a joint investigation that is currently underway into the causes of the explosion of the drilling rig Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico. The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and the Minerals Management Service (MMS) share jurisdiction for the investigation.*
- *The joint investigation, which began on April 21, will have the power to*

issue subpoenas, hold public hearings, call witnesses, and take other steps that may be needed to determine the cause of the incident. It is proceeding under a [Joint Statement of Principles and Convening Order](#), which convenes the formal joint investigation, and a [Memorandum of Agreement](#), which lays out roles and responsibilities that relate to each agency's area of expertise.

### Fishing Restrictions

- NOAA is restricting fishing for a minimum of ten days in federal waters most affected by the BP oil spill, largely between Louisiana state waters at the mouth of the Mississippi River to waters off Florida's Pensacola Bay. The closure is effective immediately. This order balances economic and health concerns and only closes those areas affected by oil. Details can be found [here](#).
- Statement from Harlon Pearce, Chairman, Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board: "The precautionary closure of the federal waters off the coast of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and part of Florida is a necessary action to insure the citizens of the United States and abroad that our seafood will maintain the highest level of quality we expect from the Gulf of Mexico. As chairman of the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board, I applaud Dr. Lubchenco's decision to insure everyone that all seafood in the Gulf is of the highest quality and is safe to eat."
- Statement from Ewell Smith, Executive Director, Louisiana Seafood Board: "We Support NOAA's precautionary closure of the affected area so that the American consumer has confidence that the seafood they eat is safe. It is also very important to underscore the fact that this closure is only the affected area of the Gulf of Mexico, not the entire Gulf. The state waters of Louisiana West of the Mississippi River are still open and the seafood coming from that area is safe. That portion of waters represents about 77% of Louisiana seafood production of a 2.4 billion dollar economic impact to the state."

### Editorials and Validations:

- Mobile (Ala.) Press-Register "Editorial: Smart to put Coast Guard commandant in charge:" THE BEST move by the Obama administration since the Deepwater Horizon rig caught fire is putting Adm. Thad Allen, commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, in charge. [LINK](#)

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**To contact the Deepwater Horizon Joint Information Center: (985) 902-5231**

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## **Update on Administration-wide response efforts in the Gulf Coast=**

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**The response to the BP Oil Spill began as an emergency search and rescue mission by the U.S. Coast Guard and other partners on April 20.**

**Concurrently, command center operations were stood up immediately in the Gulf Coast to begin also addressing the environmental impact of the incident.**

**The morning after the explosion, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar deployed Deputy Secretary David J. Hayes down to the gulf to assist with coordination and response to the incident.**

**The Administration immediately began holding regular calls with BP leadership and numerous senior-level meetings have been held between the administration and BP to discuss BP's response effort and federal oversight and support.**

**The National Response Team (NRT), an organization of 16 federal departments and agencies responsible for coordinating emergency preparedness and response to oil and hazardous substance pollution incidents was quickly activated and a coordinated group of federal partners-including the United States Coast Guard, Departments of Homeland Security, Commerce, Interior and the Environmental Protection Agency-immediately began directing and overseeing BP's response.**

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**The Department of Defense is fully integrated into the DHS-led team and fully supportive of all response activities. Navy assets have been involved since day #1, and the Coast Guard and Department of Defense continue to work closely together, anticipating requirements, identifying response options, and rapidly providing response support.**

**The Secretary of Defense has approved a request for two C-130 aircraft with Modular Aerial Spray Systems (MASS), which are currently en route to the affected area. The Coast Guard has requested assistance from the Department of Defense for these aircraft.**

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**To prepare for the possible spreading of the oil slick across the Gulf Coast and in**

support of the 2nd Unified command Center in Mobile, Ala., Department of Defense is airlifting additional boom materials to Mobile later today. The booms are currently located on four tractor trailers to expedite transportation on the receiving end.

Early on, the President directed responding agencies to not only devote every resource to respond to this incident but to also determine its cause. Earlier this week, Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano and Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar laid out the next steps for the investigation.

The President has also dispatched Secretary Napolitano, Secretary Salazar, EPA Administrator Jackson, Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change Policy Carol Browner and NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco to the Gulf Coast to ensure all is being done to respond to this oil spill.

Secretary Napolitano announced that this incident is a spill of national significance, the Department of Interior has announced that they will be sending SWAT teams to the Gulf to inspect all platforms and rigs, and the EPA is conducting air monitoring activities to gather information on the impact of the controlled burn on air quality.

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To keep the public informed about the latest, validated environmental air and water sampling results, EPA has launched a dedicated website at [www.epa.gov/bpspill](http://www.epa.gov/bpspill), which will also provide information on the broader federal response.

For overall information about the response effort the public can go to [www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com](http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com)

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**Rapid response teams are staged to deploy to shorelines affected by oil to evaluate and determine an appropriate clean-up effort to minimize the impact to the environment.**

**A volunteer program has been established and a toll-free number—(866)-448-5816—set up for people to call to learn about = volunteer opportunities in all areas and what training is required.**

**By the Numbers to Date:**

- **Personnel were quickly deployed and nearly 2,000 are currently responding to protect the shoreline and wildlife—hundreds more than yesterday.**
- **Approximately 75 response vessels have been responding on site, including skimmers, tugs, barges, and recovery vessels to assist in containment and cleanup efforts—in addition to dozens of aircraft, remotely operated vehicles, and multiple mobile offshore drilling units.**
- **More than 275,000 feet of boom (barrier) have been deployed to contain the spill—an increase of nearly 60,000 feet since yesterday. An additional 316,470 feet is available.**
- **More than 1 million gallons of an oil-water mix have been recovered—an increase of approximately 150,000 gallons since yesterday.**
- **Nearly 143,000 gallons of dispersant have been deployed—an increase of more than 3,500 gallons since yesterday. An additional 68,300 gallons are available.**
- **Six staging areas (Biloxi, Miss., Pensacola, Fla., Venice, La., Pascagoula, Miss. and Theodore, Ala., and Port Sulphur, La.) were set up to protect sensitive shorelines.**

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***The Unified Command report...***

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***Hey Steve so is this the = RRT report for the event?***

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**In the Past 24 Hours: =**

- ***The President has dispatched the secretaries of Commerce, Interior and Homeland Security, as well as the NOAA Administrator, to return to the Gulf Coast this week. Specific details on their travel will come from their departments and agencies, but collectively they will be inspecting the ongoing, coordinated response efforts to mitigate the impact of the spill on public health, the environment and the economy. They will meet with business owners to discuss potential economic impacts of this spill across the Gulf Coast region.***
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- ***Nine staging areas are now set up to protect vital shoreline in all potentially affected Gulf Coast states (Biloxi, Miss., Pensacola, Fla.,***

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#### **Response Actions:**

- The response to the BP Oil Spill began as an emergency search and rescue mission conducted and supported by the U.S. Coast Guard, the Navy and other partners on April 20. 126 people were on the rig when the incident occurred. 11 remain unaccounted for; 17 were injured, 3 of them critically. The President immediately began actively monitoring the incident, and held a meeting in the Oval Office on April 22 with senior officials to discuss the situation and ongoing response. The President has been in contact with all the governors of the states that may be affected and ordered that the administration use every single available resource at our disposal.*
- Concurrently, command center operations were stood up immediately in the Gulf Coast to begin also addressing the environmental impact of the incident and coordinate with all state and local governments.*
- The morning after the explosion, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar deployed Deputy Secretary David J. Hayes down to the gulf to assist with coordination and response to the incident.*
- When the drill unit sank, the Administration immediately and intensely investigated by remotely operated vehicles the entire 5,000 feet of pipe that's on the floor of the ocean. In that process three leaks were identified, the most recent coming on the evening of April 28.*
- The Administration immediately began holding regular calls with BP leadership and numerous senior-level meetings have been held between the administration and BP to discuss BP's response effort and federal oversight*



and support.

- The National Response Team (NRT), an organization of 16 federal departments and agencies responsible for coordinating emergency preparedness and response to oil and hazardous substance pollution incidents was quickly activated and a coordinated group of federal partners—including the United States Coast Guard, Departments of Homeland Security, Commerce, Interior and the Environmental Protection Agency—immediately began directing and overseeing BP's response.
- The President dispatched Secretary Napolitano, Secretary Salazar, EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change Policy Carol Browner and NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco to the Gulf Coast to ensure all is being done to respond to this oil spill.
- EPA posted on its [dedicated response website](#) the first air monitoring data it has collected in the area—with no red flags at this time.
- President Obama visited the Gulf Coast to inspect response operations

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- Secretaries Janet Napolitano and Ken Salazar spoke by conference call to Governors Haley Barbour (MS), Bob Riley (AL), Rick Perry (TX), Charlie Crist (FL) and the Deputy Chief of Staff to Gov. Bobby Jindal (LA). Gov. Jindal was with President Obama. They briefed the Governors on the ongoing response to the BP oil spill in the gulf. They spoke specifically about efforts to stop the oil leaks and mitigating the oil's impact on the shorelines of their states. Additionally, they spoke about ways to enhance what has been strong cooperation between the federal government and the states. The Secretaries and Governors agreed to speak again on May 4.
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#### Coordinated Interagency Asset Deployment and Response:

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- MMS is continuing inspection of all deepwater rigs and platforms as mandated by Secretary Salazar in the aftermath of the incident. MMS continues to ensure that BP moves forward on all methods to temporarily and permanently secure the source of the spill. Agency experts are working hand-in-hand with their Coast Guard counterparts to determine the original cause of the well flow and subsequent explosion.
- As the nation's leading scientific resource for oil spills, NOAA has been on the scene of the BP spill from the start, providing coordinated scientific

weather and biological response services to federal, state and local organizations. NOAA spill specialists are advising the U.S. Coast Guard on cleanup options as well as advising all affected federal, state and local partners on sensitive marine resources at risk in this area of the Gulf of Mexico.

- Two Modular Aerial Spray System (MASS) aircraft have been deployed in support of the incident in the Gulf of Mexico. Both aircraft have multiple missions scheduled daily, contingent on weather. These aircraft can dispense the same dispersant chemical being used by BP and the federal responders. Each system is capable of covering up to 250 acres per flight with three flights per aircraft per day.
- A C-17 aircraft carrying pollution response boom components for support flew from Travis AFB in California and has arrived at Mobile International Airport.
- In direct support of the Coast Guard under an existing pollution clean-up and salvage operations agreement, the Navy is providing a variety of oil pollution control equipment. The Navy has sent thousands of feet of inflatable oil boom with mooring equipment, several skimming systems, related support gear, and personnel to support oil spill response efforts. Naval Air Station Pensacola is serving as a staging facility for Coast Guard contractor-provided equipment.
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#### Spill of National Significance & a mp; National Incident Commander:

- Secretary Napolitano announced that this incident is a Spill of National Significance (SONS) on April 29. This designation built on the efforts already underway from day one to leverage the full resources from across the federal government and ensure that all resources are brought to bear in response to this event.
- A SONS designation recognizes the need for a strategic management framework that ensures full engagement at the highest levels of the administration via the National Incident Commander. There is no additional funding or authority that comes with a SONS designation, as that authority already existed prior to this designation.
- As part of the designation of the BP Oil Spill as a Spill of National Significance, Secretary Napolitano announced that U.S. Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Thad Allen will serve as the National Incident Commander on May 1 for the administration's continued, coordinated response—providing additional coordinated oversight in leveraging every available resource to respond to the BP oil spill and minimize the associated environmental risks.
- As National Incident Commander, Admiral Allen will continue to work closely with Coast Guard Rear Admiral Mary Landry, the federal on-scene coordinator, and the Departments of Homeland Security, Defense, Interior and Commerce, the Environmental Protection Agency and other federal departments and agencies as appropriate—as well as BP, the responsible party in the spill—to ensure the efficient continued deployment and coordination of vital response assets, personnel and equipment that were activated immediately after the spill began.

#### Joint DHS-DOI Investigation:

Early on, the President directed responding agencies to not only devote every resource to respond to this incident but to also determine its cause.

- Secretary Napolitano and Secretary Salazar signed an order establishing the next steps for a joint investigation that is currently underway into the causes of the explosion of the drilling rig Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico. The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and the Minerals Management Service (MMS) share jurisdiction for the investigation.
- The joint investigation, which began on April 21, will have the power to issue subpoenas, hold public hearings, call witnesses, and take other steps that may be needed to determine the cause of the incident. It is proceeding under a Joint Statement of Principles and Convening Order, which convenes the formal joint investigation, and a Memorandum of Agreement, which lays out roles and responsibilities that relate to each agency's area of expertise.

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- Statement from Harlon Pearce, Chairman, Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board: "The precautionary closure of the federal waters off the coast of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and part of Florida is a necessary action to insure the citizens of the United States and abroad that our seafood will maintain the highest level of quality we expect from the Gulf of Mexico. As chairman of the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board, I applaud Dr. Lubchenko's decision to insure everyone that all seafood in the Gulf is of the highest quality and is safe to eat."
- Statement from Ewell Smith, Executive Director, Louisiana Seafood Board: "We Support NOAA's precautionary closure of the affected area so that the American consumer has confidence that the seafood they eat is safe. It is also very important to underscore the fact that this closure is only the affected area of the Gulf of Mexico, not the entire Gulf. The state waters of Louisiana West of the Mississippi River are still open and the seafood coming from that area is safe. That portion of waters represents about 77% of Louisiana seafood production of a 2.4 billion dollar economic impact to the state."

#### Editorials and Validations:

- Mobile (Ala.) Press-Register "Editorial: Smart to put Coast Guard commandant in charge:" THE BEST move by the Obama administration since the Deepwater Horizon rig caught fire is putting Adm. Thad Allen, commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, in charge. [LINK](#)

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Steve,

I just got an additional request for a Region VI Organization Chart with agencies and POC names if possible.

Joe Bonn

Very respectfully,

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thanks...

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[We are working on this issue and there is a lot of confusion about the training. I am currently in transit to Houma to work with the BP staff on this.](#)

[They intend to use volunteers to ONLY pick up debris/rubish on the beaches prior to landfall of any oil....they have a basic safety orientation they will be doing for those "volunteers&qu= ot;....they do not plan to use any volunteers for oil clean up...the oil clean up folks will be provided haz woper training per osha requirement...again they do not plan to use volunteers to do oil clean up , only beach clean up prior to any oil getting there...if you need any more information on this I can give you a call when we get to Houma...DeanW](#)

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Subject: RE: Fw: Oil Response Safety Issues

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[Steve, Yes I am....we are working on this issue and there is a lot of confusion about the training. I am currently in transit to Houma to work with the BP staff on this. They intend to use volunteers to ONLY pick up debris/rubish on the beaches prior to landfall of any oil....they have a basic safety orientation they will be doing for those "volunteers"....they do not plan to use any volunteers for oil clean up...the oil clean up folks will be provided haz woper training per osha requirement...again they do not plan to use volunteers to do oil clean up , only beach clean up prior to any oil getting there...if you need any more information on this I can give you a call when we get to Houma...DeanW](#)

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Everything that I have seen come from BP to this point states that all volunteers that they employ will need to have the "required training as prescribed by OSHA and/or EPA."=

Dean, are ya'll plugged into the volunteer training discussions at the Area / Unified Command ?

Faithfully yours  
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Gary, would you get some feedback on Brian's concerns from USCG and send to Steve.

Steve would you get a response from Dean and Wheeler on Brian's concerns.  
Thanks

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Shane and Craig,  
As Co-Chair of the NRT Worker Safety and Health Committee, I have been discussing the safety needs for the gulf coast oil spill response with the safety

managers in the federal community. One of the big concerns is the use and training of volunteers in the clean-up effort. We need to make sure that any workers we oversee are properly trained. Apparently, BP has put out the call for a lot of volunteers and has posted sign-up information on a website: <http://oilspillvolunteers.com/>. The home page has a paragraph addressing training, which is asking:

**"OSHA, BP, Transocean, Homeland Security, USCG, NOAA, EPA, Department of the Interior** - We need to hear from you. We have 4300+ people eager to be trained and eager to jump into action when the oil comes ashore. How do they get training? What can they do to help with the cleanup?"

They also have a contractor providing 2 hour oil spill awareness training for volunteers in Mississippi for assessment work but it does not qualify them for clean-up work.

Have you been involved in any of these discussions with the USCG, the States or BP? I know R6 has requested support from NIH/NIEHS and they have just sent two of their representatives (Chip Hughes and Jim Remington) from NIEHS to LA to assist with implementing oil spill response training. We should make sure that we have a comprehensive safety training program in place for all oil response workers. If they are not 40 hour Hazwoper trained, they should at least go through an initial 4 hour oil response training program similar to what NIEHS has put together. = ;This is the minimum training being required by OSHA.

One of the issues with using volunteers is the liability if they get injured or exposed to hazards. Volunteers that are organized and are attached to "volunteer organizations" places the control and liability of the volunteers on the organization. If BP is recruiting volunteers and organizing them, they then become the volunteer organization. Our OSC's should be cautious when allowing the use of any "walk-on" volunteers who are not trained and attached to volunteer organizations as they may then be considered "federal employees" for the purpose of the response and clean-up for any liability issues- which could include medical treatment and workers comp claims. The NRT WS&H Subcommittee is working on developing a technical assistance document and guidelines for the use of volunteers.

Are you currently in the process of standing up an IMT or are you part of the Unified Command structure with USCG, BP and the Federal and State stakeholders? I am looking to get an idea of how the safety program is being organized and who has the lead. We should make sure that not only are the safety training needs being met but also that a Health and Safety Plan is being developed and that a Job Hazard Analysis is being conducted as part of the HASP. We also need to make sure that the proper safety messages are being put out and that they are consistent between the organizations involved. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks, Brian

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welcome aboard to the RRT

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My cell phone is 505-660-8411. NMED's emergency notification number is 505-827-9329 which goes to state police dispatch who then call us. NMED also has an emergency pager (505-949-4949) which one of my staff carries 24/7.

**Art Vollmer**

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Can you send me your cell phone number also for the Directory... we do not publicly release that directory...

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Steve Connolly has resigned from NMED. Please replace him with me as your contact for the NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau.

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The response to the BP Oil Spill began as an emergency search and rescue mission by the U.S. Coast Guard and other partners on April 20.

Concurrently, command center operations were stood up immediately in the Gulf

Coast to begin also addressing the environmental impact of the incident.

The morning after the explosion, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar deployed Deputy Secretary David J. Hayes down to the gulf to assist with coordination and response to the incident.

The Administration immediately began holding regular calls with BP leadership and numerous senior-level meetings have been held between the administration and BP to discuss BP's response effort and federal oversight and support.

The National Response Team (NRT), an organization of 16 federal departments and agencies responsible for coordinating emergency preparedness and response to oil and hazardous substance pollution incidents was quickly activated and a coordinated group of federal partners-including the United States Coast Guard, Departments of Homeland Security, Commerce, Interior and the Environmental Protection Agency-immediately began directing and overseeing BP's response.

The President immediately began actively monitoring the incident and consulting on the response. The President has been in contact with all the governors of the states that may be affected and ordered that the administration use every single available resource at our disposal.

The Department of Defense is fully integrated into the DHS-led team and fully supportive of all response activities. Navy assets have been involved since day #1, and the Coast Guard and Department of Defense continue to work closely together, anticipating requirements, identifying response options, and rapidly providing response support.

The Secretary of Defense has approved a request for two C-130 aircraft with Modular Aerial Spray Systems (MASS), which are currently en route to the affected area. The Coast Guard has requested assistance from the Department of Defense for these aircraft.

These aircraft dispense the same dispersant chemical being used by BP and the federal responders. Each system is capable of covering up to 250 acres per flight with three flights per aircraft per day.

Additionally, in direct support of the Coast Guard under an existing pollution clean-up and salvage operations agreement, the Navy is providing a variety of oil pollution control equipment. The Navy has sent thousands of feet of inflatable oil boom with mooring equipment, several skimming systems, related support gear, and personnel to support oil spill response efforts. Naval Air Station Pensacola is serving as a staging facility for Coast Guard contractor-provided equipment.

To prepare for the possible spreading of the oil slick across the Gulf Coast and in support of the 2nd Unified command Center in Mobile, Ala., Department of Defense is airlifting additional boom materials to Mobile later today. The booms are currently located on four tractor trailers to expedite transportation on the receiving end.

Early on, the President directed responding agencies to not only devote every resource to respond to this incident but to also determine its cause. Earlier this week, Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano and Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar laid out the next steps for the investigation.

The President has also dispatched Secretary Napolitano, Secretary Salazar, EPA Administrator Jackson, Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change Policy Carol Browner and NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco to the Gulf Coast to ensure all is being done to respond to this oil spill.

Secretary Napolitano announced that this incident is a spill of national significance, the Department of Interior has announced that they will be sending SWAT teams to the Gulf to inspect all platforms and rigs, and the EPA is conducting air monitoring activities to gather information on the impact of the controlled burn on air quality.

As part of the designation of the BP Oil Spill as a Spill of National Significance, Secretary Napolitano has announced that U.S. Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Thad Allen will serve as the National Incident Commander for the administration's continued, coordinated response—providing additional authority and oversight in leveraging every available resource to respond to the BP oil spill and minimize the associated environmental risks.

As National Incident Commander, Admiral Allen will continue to work closely with Coast Guard Rear Admiral Mary Landry, the federal on-scene coordinator, and the Departments of Homeland Security, Defense, Interior and Commerce, the Environmental Protection Agency and other federal departments and agencies as appropriate—as well as BP, the responsible party in the spill—to ensure the efficient continued deployment and coordination of vital response assets, personnel and equipment that were activated immediately after the spill began.

To keep the public informed about the latest, validated environmental air and water sampling results, EPA has launched a dedicated website at [www.epa.gov/bpspill](http://www.epa.gov/bpspill), which will also provide information on the broader federal response.

For overall information about the response effort the public can go to [www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com](http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com)

In response to the BP oil spill, the Secretary of Defense is authorizing under title 32 the mobilization of the Louisiana National Guard to help in the ongoing efforts to assist local communities in the cleanup and removal of oil and to protect critical habitats from contamination. As the responsible party in this incident, the government will hold BP accountable for the costs of the deployment.

The Minerals Management Service remains in contact with all oil and gas operators in the sheen area. Two platforms have stopped production and one has been evacuated as a safety measure. Approximately 6.2 million cubic feet of natural gas is shut-in—less than one-tenth of a percent of daily gas production in the Gulf of Mexico.

As the nation's leading scientific resource for oil spills, NOAA has been on the scene of the BP spill from the start, providing coordinated scientific weather and biological response services to federal, state and local organizations. NOAA spill specialists are advising the U.S. Coast Guard on cleanup options as well as advising all affected federal, state and local partners on sensitive marine resources at risk in this area of the Gulf of Mexico.

Rapid response teams are staged to deploy to shorelines affected by oil to evaluate and determine an appropriate clean-up effort to minimize the impact to the environment.

A volunteer program has been established and a toll-free number—(866)-448-5816—set up for people to call to learn about volunteer opportunities in all areas and what training is required.

By the Numbers to Date:

- Personnel were quickly deployed and nearly 2,000 are currently responding to protect the shoreline and wildlife—hundreds more than yesterday.

Approximately 75 response vessels have been responding on site, including skimmers, tugs, barges, and recovery vessels to assist in containment and cleanup efforts—in addition to dozens of aircraft, remotely operated vehicles, and multiple mobile offshore drilling units.

- More than 275,000 feet of boom (barrier) have been deployed to contain the spill—an increase of nearly 60,000 feet since yesterday. An additional 316,470 feet is available.
- More than 1 million gallons of an oil-water mix have been recovered—an increase of approximately 150,000 gallons since yesterday.
- Nearly 143,000 gallons of dispersant have been deployed—an increase of more than 3,500 gallons since yesterday. An additional 68,300 gallons are available.
- Six staging areas (Biloxi, Miss., Pensacola, Fla., Venice, La., Pascagoula, Miss. and Theodore, Ala., and Port Sulphur, La.) were set up to protect sensitive shorelines.

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looks like you have the power... remember, the old saying about absolute

power.... also, the word insubordination is always lurking around the corner....

not to be sucking up, but you have done a great job as the RRT co-chair during this event....

Faithfully yours  
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Dear Ethics Colleagues,  
Lots of things to report:

Welcome to Brenda Mallory!

Effective March 1, 2010, Brenda Mallory was appointed as the Designated Agency Ethics Official, replacing Pat Hirsch who moved to a different position in OGC. We are very happy to have Brenda on board and hope that she is learning to love ethics work!

EPA continues our winning streak! =

We are very proud to announce that two of our training products - the DEO online course and the instruction guide to vet political invitations under the lobbying gift ban -- have both received education achievement awards from the Office of Government Ethics (OGE).

We are extremely proud and honored to report that EPA has been recognized by OGE for demonstrated outstanding achievement in management of our ethics program. This is the third year in a row that the Office of Government Ethics has selected EPA for this ethics program award. No other federal agency has ever received this recognition in consecutive years before. Congratulations to all of you for your terrific work in ensuring that our agency understands and complies with the federal ethics rules! To see the announcement, please see =

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Ethical Implications related to the BP oil spill

We anticipate that there may be questions arising related to the oil spill and what employees may be able to do ethically in their official duties or in their personal capacity. What we hear is that BP is offering to pay people \$10/hour to assist with clean-up efforts. If any EPA employee wishes to work for BP under this program, then be advised that you must consider this as an outside activity undertaken in the employee's personal capacity. Taking money from BP will trigger the prior approval requirement as well as the 18 USC 208 financial conflicts of interest statute. The Department of Interior's ethics office has already determined that it will not permit its employees to accept any money from BP for activities undertaken by any Interior employee in personal capacity.

Here at EPA, we have not been asked to make that same determination.

In their official capacity, EPA employees may be assigned to work in remote locations in response to the oil spill. We understand from our colleagues at Interior that BP may offer to provide boxed lunches or sandwiches to those personnel. Please be advised that EPA lacks agency gift acceptance authority. Therefore, EPA employees cannot accept any lunch from BP that exceeds \$20 at any one time or a total of \$50 for the calendar year. If EPA employees are in travel status to these remote locations, then they can submit ethics travel acceptance forms in advance for OGC's consideration.

We know that Interior will not be using that authority (31USC 1353); instead, they will be reimbursing BP for those costs directly.

OGC/Ethics will be out of the office from May 11-14, 2010

The 17th National Government Ethics Conference will be held in Chicago, and we will all be in attendance (well, we have to receive our awards, after all!). If you have an ethics emergency, then please send us an email and we will do our best to get back to you as soon as possible. We will be reviewing and approving travel

once a day.

Thanks for your support and your gre= at ethics questions!  
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Let me know if I need to schedule a RRT call tomorrow...

Faithfully yours  
Steve

"Frequently, my thoughts get bored and walk  
down to my mouth. Often, this is a bad thing."

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